IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/596906 Confirmation No. 2073

Applicant : Takashi Kumabe et al.

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Examiner : Rakesh Kumar

Title : AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE

Docket No. : NIS-16741 Customer No. : 040854

AMENDMENT "B"

(In response to Paper No./Mail Date 20090115)

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office action dated January 22, 2009. The three month period for responding to the Office action expired on April 22, 2009. Accordingly, applicant respectfully requests and petitions that the response date be extended, for one month, to May 22, 2009. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0160, Our Order No. NIS-16741, in the amount of \$130.00 to cover the one-month extension of time fee. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper, and include attached replacement sheets.
- Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.